



# WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **Louis W. Parker**

***Inventor, Philanthropist and Founder of Parker Electronics***

by Ron Ulm

December 2023

### MINI-ARCHIVE BACKGROUND NOTES

While researching a number of topics in the summer of 2023, the question arose as to what predated the Pride Center on the land at the south end of Dixie Highway at the river. We knew it to be the site of the Colohatchee Woman's Club as early as 1917. Long-term residents remember it as a place where they once played, a large facility known as "Parker Electronics", and an adjoining satellite dish "farm". But no one seemed to know or recall what either of latter two were actually used-for.

Through the Kalis family we were able to contact Ray Parker (who is still a Ft. Lauderdale resident), the son of Parker Electronics founder Louis Parker. By phone, Mr. Parker gave us the back-story of Parker Electronics history in Wilton Manors.

In doing additional research at Newspapers.com, to our surprise we found that "our" Mr. Parker was also the philanthropist who donated the funds to build the Parker Playhouse and the Parker Physical Sciences Center at Nova University.

Mr. Parker also proposed two philanthropic projects (a hospital and park/library/boat ramp) for Wilton Manors, neither of which came to fruition.

The research resulted in the *Town Crier* article "South End of Dixie at the River-what preceded the Pride Center" which follows. This version includes Editor's Notes--with updated and additional information received after the publication of the original article. This mini-archive also adds newspaper clippings which provide more detail about Louis Parker; his early years, accomplishments and inventions and philanthropic contributions.

We have also further researched the quote by Eileen Mackey in the Editor's Notes--"*Jimmy and Margaret Brown lived where the big tree is at 2040 N. Dixie Hwy, where the Parker Electronics Bldg., now Pride Center are ...*". The 1935 Florida Census shows a Brown family living in Wilton Manors--James M., father; Minerva, mother; Margaret, daughter; and J. Marvin Brown, Jr., son. The father's occupation is "Poultry Man". The father, J. Marvin Brown, became the village's first Police Deputy, and went on to become one of Wilton Manors' first City Councilmen in the 1947. He was re-elected number of times. Unfortunately we could not find any information to confirm the location(s) of the family home; or if they owned/lived on the Parker site.

Also, for those interested in a more comprehensive biography of Louis W. Parker, see his page on Wikipedia

**Editor's Note:** After this article was originally published Ray Parker provided us with additional information: IMPSAT was not a tenant in the early 1990s, but did, in fact, purchase the entire property in 1998. He also was not aware of the 1970 library/park/boat ramp proposal. But he suggested that the “park” site purchase likely reverted back to Parker and later became the location of the Riverside Townhomes. Further WMHS research possibly identifies the “abandoned wooden building”. In 2009 pioneer Eileen Mackey spoke of 1930s residents on Dixie Highway, including: “*Jimmy and Margaret Brown lived where the big tree is at 2040 N. Dixie Hwy, where the Parker Electronics Bldg., now Pride Center are ...*”. Given the timing, one has to wonder if they might have turned the Colohatchee Woman’s Club building into a residence. RAU 12/2023

## “South end of Dixie at the River”—what preceded the Pride Center?



The Colohatchee Woman’s Club was chartered in 1916—with 20 members. In 1917 the *Miami Herald* reports that their (unnamed) Treasurer had provided land for a clubhouse, and that construction had begun. The location of that property was generally the current site of the Pride Center and Riverside condominiums.

The clubhouse served as the primary community center and social hub for the entire Colohatchee area (now Oakland Park and Wilton Manors). The club remained active at that location until 1936, when, for reasons not documented, the land, building and equip-

ment were sold at auction (we have no record of the purchaser). Shortly after, the group built a new clubhouse on Dixie Highway in Oakland Park and renamed itself the Oakland Park Woman’s Club.

The original property appears to have remained unused and undeveloped for the **next 25 or so years**. There are anecdotes of kids playing by the river and in-and-around a giant tree at the Dixie Highway curve; a Roland Lindberg, of NE 24th Street, who had his chicken coops under “the big tree”; and an abandoned wooden building. But no other record exists of further activity on the site.

But a change would begin around 1960. That’s when Louis Parker, from Connecticut, wealthy founder of Parker Instruments (makers of measuring gauges), decided to semi-retire in the area. Also an avid inventor (with 250 patents—including one found in every TV in the world), he opened a small shop on Dixie Highway, **Parker Electronics**, to pursue new inventions and innovations. But he soon became intrigued by the vacant 7+ acres across the street as the site for a manufacturing/research subsidiary of Parker Instruments. According to son Ray that came to fruition when he purchased the property and built the first plant and laboratory building around 1964.



Parker was also a philanthropist. In 1966 he donated some \$1.5 million to build the Parker Playhouse; and another \$1 million for construction of the Parker Physical Sciences Center at Nova University. As to Wilton Manors, in 1968 Parker offered to build a stand-alone cardiac hospital on the Dixie Highway property, but was rebuffed by the county Hospital Authority. A 1970 newspaper article indicates he offered to buy 3.7 acres at Dixie and NE 20th Street for a City library/park/boat ramp complex. We could find no further record of what happened to that proposal.

Over the years the Parker family continued adding commercial/industrial buildings to the site; as well as the Riverside Townhomes. In the early 1990s IMPSAT, which provides satellite telephone and television relays to and from South America, became one of the tenants. As Parker Electronics wound-down and IMPSAT continued to grow, they purchased the entire remaining property in 1998 (...remember the satellite dish farm?).

And our story concludes in 2008 when the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (now Pride Center at Equality Park) acquired the entire tract for its new campus ...

Questions or Comments? Contact Wilton Manors Historical Society —[wmhs@WMHistory.org](mailto:wmhs@WMHistory.org)

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# L. W. Parker Donor For Theater, Nova

By **BOB WORLEY**  
(Staff Writer)

Louis W. Parker, millionaire inventor and electronic manufacturer, was revealed Friday as the philanthropist who is giving Ft. Lauderdale a \$500,000 theater and Nova University a \$1 million grant.

Corporate papers of non-profit Parker Theater, Inc. which will build and operate the 1,200-seat theater to be erected on Nuninger Drive at the entrance to Holiday Park were sent to Tallahassee Friday.

The non-profit corporation will have five trustees including the mayor, vice mayor, president of Parker Foundation and vice-president of Parker Foundation with these four naming the fifth member.

The positions will be filled by Parker, Philip Cheaney, Robert Curtis, Mayor Edmund R. Burry and Vice Mayor F. Peter Clements at inception of the institution.

## PLANT INTERVIEW

Parker, 60, was interviewed at the Parker Electronics Inc. plant, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy., in his office. Drawings of his latest invention lay on a conference table. This is a 25 horsepower electric motor which is one-fourth to one-fifth the normal size of a motor of that power output.

Key to the reduction of size and weight of the motor Parker revealed is use of thin aluminum turbine type discs in place of the usual armature rotor.

A native of Budapest, Hungary, Parker came to the United States when he was 17 in 1923. He had his first patent, on an electrical fuse, at the age of 12.

Reluctant to discuss his own genius, he reminds Mozart displayed tremendous talent at 4.

"Some children have ability when they are very young. You can see it. Intelligence shows in the cradle," Parker said. "Think of Mozart, he was 4 years old."

His fortunes come from invention of the intercarrier sound system for television sets. It puts sound and picture on one instead of separate circuits.

"They've been in operation since 1947. There are a hundred million sets in the world using it, 50 million of them in the U.S.," the inventor said.

"Some people say look at the rich men, they get their money from underpaying help.

"I pay my help what I pay at the northern plant (located at Stamford, Conn.).

"I only get a few pennies from each of these (intercarrier systems) but I'm saving \$3 on each set (for the manufacturer) and I get less than 10 cents."

And 100 million royalties, even at less than 10 cents, adds up to million of dollars.

The \$1 million pledge to Nova, of which half has been

given, is to be used for construction of a building.

"I came here as a poor man, an immigrant usually does.

"Finally I succeeded in creating an invention used in television all over the world.

"Since I made it in electronics I think that I should return some of it to electronics," Parker said of the grant to Nova for a structure where graduate engineers will study.

Knowing he will be besieged with requests from good causes for money, Parker frankly states, "I have planned all my charity expenditures for the next five years."

He recently gave \$25,000 to Lauderdale Memorial Hospital. And some time ago when Shiloh Baptist Church burned down he donated \$4,000 to rebuild it.



**LOUIS W. PARKER**  
... theater donor

Ft. Lauderdale News, Mar 3, 1968

# Hospital Offer Refused

Louis W. Parker, electronics millionaire, admitted Saturday he had considered building a hospital here but was told by the "Broward General Hospital Board of Governors it wasn't needed."

Parker said hospital officials with whom he conferred explained "there is no need for a hospital" but that the "kind of facility required is a medical center."

"I had a plan for putting a hospital on 8½ acres right next to the river in Wilton Manors," Parker said in explaining what prompted him to seek information from local hospital authorities.

Parker said he had hoped to build a cardiac hospital on the tract, but that he was dissuaded in that endeavor and that hospital officials gave him some information on their plans for some land at Imperial Point.



# Parker Meter On Moon

By GAIL PEARSALL  
(Staff Writer)

Ft. Lauderdale philanthropist, Louis W. Parker, who made his fortune as an electrical engineer, will have one of his inventions on the moon when Apollo 11 astronauts touch down today.

Parker, who holds well over 200 patents world-wide, bridges into a new world with the oxygen meter the astronauts will wear on their wrists.

The meter, only an inch-and-a-half across, is connected by a cable to the oxygen tanks strapped to the astronauts' backs. By checking the meter, the moon-walkers will be able to tell how much longer their tanks will be able to supply them with oxygen to breathe on the moon.

"We've been selling to NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration which controls the Apollo program) for five years," Parker said.

"They needed an instrument they could depend upon," he said to explain why Parker Electronics was chosen to

manufacture the instrument as a subcontractor to Hamilton Standard.

The company made 12 of the meters in 1965 at a cost of \$36,000.

"NASA constantly abused it," Parker said, throwing a meter across the room to crash on the floor — it stayed in one piece.

"They gave it much harder tests than that," he said.

The high-impact plastic case for the meter is made at Parker's Ft. Lauderdale plant, which manufactures only plastics. The instrument itself is made at the electronics plant in Stanford, Conn.

The rotor, which controls movement of the indicator dial, is a coil of copper etched on epoxy and an anodized aluminum base.

Every television set made since 1947 includes one of Parker's inventions, the Inter-carrier Sound System, which coordinates the tuning of picture with sound.

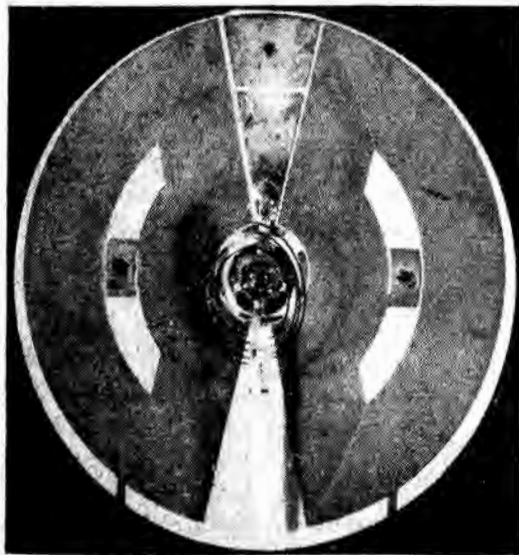
In a magazine article he wrote about television in 1939, Parker made some predictions about the future of the medium.

"Television in full color is predicted by some, discounted by others, who point to the small percentage of motion pictures in color," he said then.

"It would have undoubtedly

scientific, artistic and educational value."

The Apollo 11 mission is proving the truth of Parker's statement, since much of it is being broadcast live in color.



**ROTOR INSIDE OXYGEN METER**

... copper coils etched in base

## ***Land Purchase Deal Cleared***

**WILTON MANORS** — A \$77,000 escrow agreement was approved last night for the purchase of a 3.5 acre tract of land at Dixie Hwy. and 20th St. for the creation of a park-library complex.

The land is to be purchased under an agreement with Louis W. Parker of Parker Electronics and Wilton Manors National Bank.

Parker earlier offered to purchase the land for the city if they will use it exclusively for a park facility which would include a library and a boat ramp.

The council also agreed to reimburse Parker if the land is used for any other purpose.

# TV's wonder, brought to you by Louis W. Parker

By AMY WILSON  
Staff Writer

**F**ifty years ago this week, America got a picture of the future.

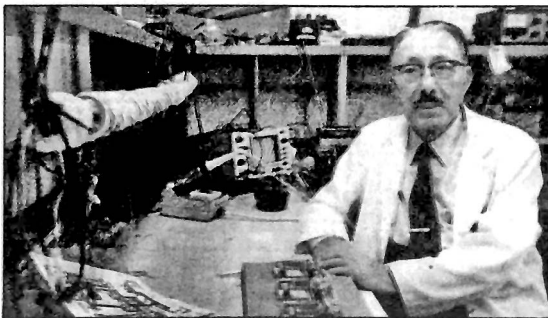
It was called television. And while there had been rumblings about this newfangled thing among the scientific community for years prior to that, one man wasn't satisfied. He worked for the day — May 14, 1938, as it turned out — that he would be.

Somehow, Louis W. Parker thought, television shouldn't just be something the rich could afford or something that just scientists got to tinker with or something the military managed to use for its own ends.

Louis W. Parker wanted to make television affordable.

He was not opposed to making some money for himself in the bargain.

He did both by creating, in 1938, a television receiver that would sell for less than \$125; by inventing the system that synchronized audio with video in 1944, and by pioneering the use of color in the '50s.



Staff photo/JOE RAEDLE

Louis W. Parker where his genius has paid off most, the laboratory.

In other words, you can thank Louis W. Parker for *Hallmark Hall of Fame* presentations, *Days of Our Lives* and MTV.

He is pretty pleased with how it all turned out, except of course that "Television is now divided into markets and

they are there to sell. I don't like that very much."

But, otherwise, you're welcome.

Today, Fort Lauderdale's Louis W. Parker, at 82, is an inventor and a millionaire. It is the former that matters.

Yes, he funded everything about the

Parker Playhouse. And yes, he gave \$1 million to Nova University, giving the fledgling institution its start. And yes, he has gone about distributing his wealth as he sees fit, after his family has been taken care of, of course. He has done it quietly — once when his maid told him about her church being burned down, he rebuilt it. No press accounts made note of it.

Now he shuffles down the hall of his near-empty Parker Electronics plant on North Dixie Highway, working seven hours a day, seven days a week to invent a way that we can make use of some of the electrical energy we waste.

"I'm only 82, how should I not work, such a young man?"

Born in Hungary, Parker came to America when he was 17. He has always been a tinkerer — at 12, he astounded his neighbors by coming up with his version of an innovative little item called a circuit breaker.

Schooled here, he found his dreams realized here, too. He credits America for that, for giving a penniless guy an even break. Even today, Hungary is not

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## Honor humbled and thrilled the inventor

a place he wants to return to: "The Russians have ruined it."

In late March, Parker was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Arlington, Va., one of only 71 people so honored. He is at once thrilled and humbled by that.

Parker is, above all else, a practical man. He will not explain things to you if you cannot understand them. It is an uncommon trait among geniuses and interviewees. It is not that he is afraid of wasting his time, but of wasting yours.

He even knows and appreciates the fact that flipping a switch, turning a knob and adjusting the color is all some of us want to know about television.

Like his invention, he is entertaining. When he came to America, he says, he knew two words: umbrella and handkerchief — "such funny words, how could I forget them? But it is difficult to hold an intelligent conversation with those two."

This is a man who is enthralled, even amused, by life: its humor, its quirkiness, its endless possibilities. Somehow, he still cannot get over the fact that a boy who never dreamed he would be able to sit in Budapest and watch an opera in Paris made such a thing possible.

He is understatedly giddy about the fact that he, who isn't General Electric or IBM, could make a device that they could not, and have NASA go to the moon with it.

He'll even make you give one of his 200 patented devices a test drop. "Throw it down," he says, then shows you how it continues to work. "On the concrete," he adds, then demonstrates again the gadget's durability.

You're duly impressed. "It isn't every day you meet a famous inventor," he says.

There is a twinkle in his eyes and

**"I accept that I have a short life. I'm not revolting it's going to end. I have done what I wanted to."**

— Louis Parker,  
inventor

something mad scientist about him. He turns on lights in darkened labs, flipping large power switches to make various experiments come to life. He combs his hair for the camera but admits it's not something he usually worries about.

Fact is, thanks to patent no. 2,448,908, he worries about nothing. That was the television receiver that made him big bucks.

"It's a rare thing, a rich inventor."

He is an uncertain, even unlikely millionaire. "Money. How much do you really need? What's the difference between \$10 million and \$11 million?"

He is not an unlikely inventor. His office is a bit dusty, a bit eccentric. His lab coat is a little worn. The golden shovel that broke ground at the Parker Playhouse in 1966 is propped against a bookcase that contains numerous journals and an incomplete library of the *Readers' Digest* from 1959 to 1969. His wife's portrait of him hangs in the office, a picture of a much younger, much less humorous man.

To Louis W. Parker, philanthropy, it seems, is nice; press interest is rewarding. But science, well, science is something to revere and fear.

"If it had not been for science, there would not have been so many man-killing things. Science is much more successful at making things to kill than to protect."

Nevertheless, to him, it is everything. And, so it seems, is accomplishment.

"I accept that I have a short life. I'm not revolting it's going to end. I have done what I wanted to."

His is a happy anniversary.



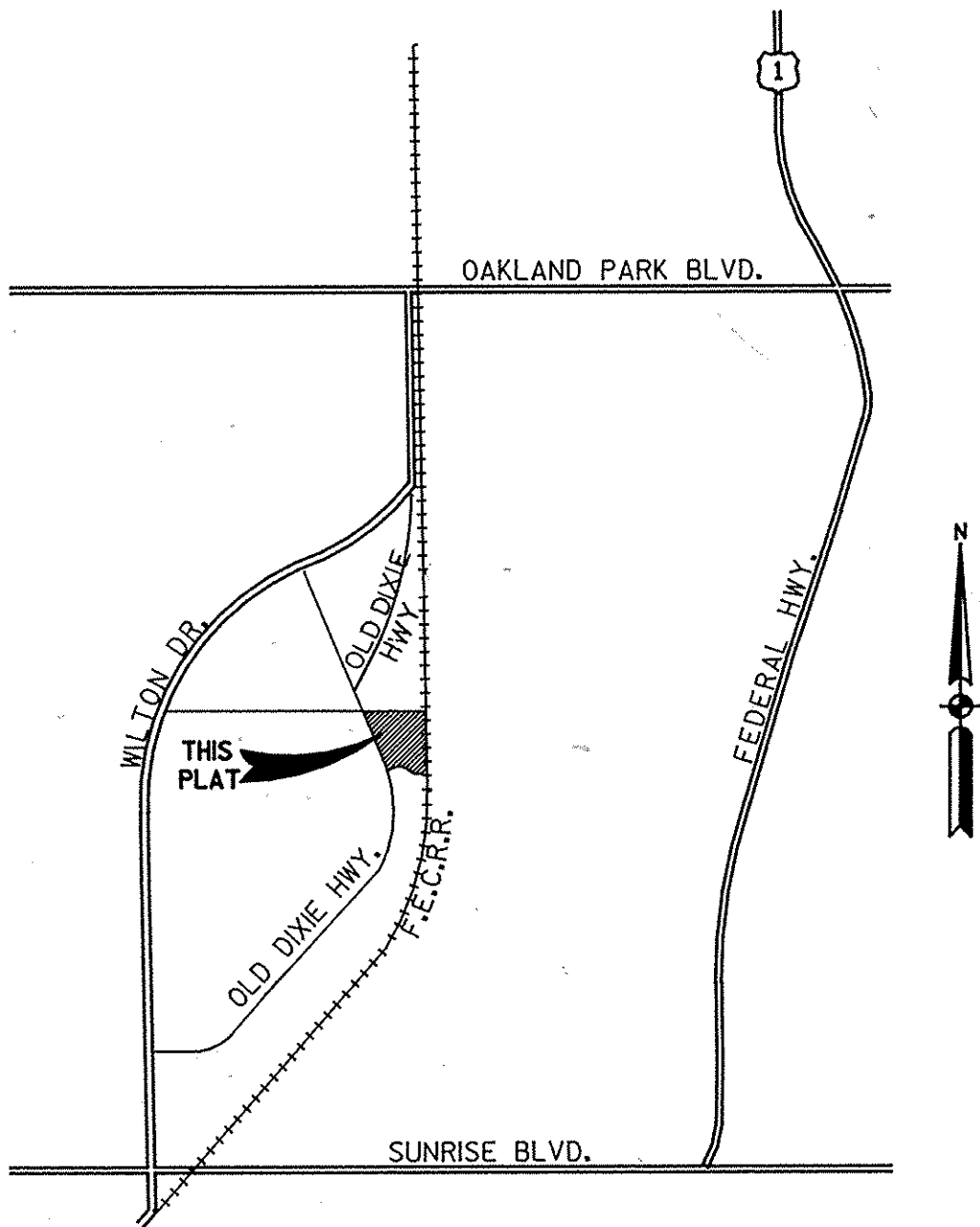
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“ THE PARKER PLAT ”

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 49 SOUTH, RANGE 42 EAST  
CITY OF WILTON MANORS, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

DESCRIPTION

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 49 SOUTH, RANGE 42 EAST, LYING WEST OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH OF THE SOUTH FORK OF MIDDLE RIVER, AND EAST OF THE DIXIE HIGHWAY, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE NORTH 149.23 FEET THEREOF, SAID LANDS SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND CONTAINING 6.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.



LOCATION SKETCH  
NOT TO SCALE

DEDICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA } SS KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT  
COUNTY OF BROWARD } LOUIS W. PARKER, TRUSTEE

OWNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED HEREON AS BEING INCLUDED WITHIN THIS PLAT, HAS CAUSED SAID LANDS TO BE SURVEYED AND PLATTED IN THE MANNER SHOWN HEREON, SAID PLAT TO BE KNOWN AS "THE PARKER PLAT".

EASEMENTS SHOWN HEREON ARE DEDICATED TO THE PERPETUAL USE OF THE PUBLIC, FOR PROPER PURPOSES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE OWNER HAS CAUSED THESE PRESENTS TO BE EXECUTED THIS 22 DAY OF Nov, A.D. 1988.

Paul W. Phillips Louis W. Parker  
WITNESS BY: LOUIS W. PARKER  
TRUSTEE

Alice B. Aldredge  
WITNESS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA } SS BEFORE ME PERSONALLY APPEARED  
COUNTY OF BROWARD } LOUIS W. PARKER, TRUSTEE

TO ME WELL KNOWN AND KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN AND WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING DEDICATION AS OWNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED HEREON AND THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THAT HE EXECUTED SUCH DEDICATION AS OWNER, AND THAT SAID DEDICATION IS THE FREE ACT AND DEED OF SAID OWNER.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 22 DAY OF Nov A.D., 1988.

3-10-90  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Alice B. Aldredge  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

CITY CLERK

STATE OF FLORIDA } SS  
COUNTY OF BROWARD }

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT OF "THE PARKER PLAT" HAS BEEN APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA BY ORDINANCE NO. 2185 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, ON THIS 8 DAY OF November A.D. 1988.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF : THE CITY COUNCIL HAS CAUSED THESE PRESENTS TO BE ATTESTED BY ITS CLERK, AND THE CORPORATE SEAL OF SAID CITY TO BE AFFIXED THIS 22 DAY OF November A.D. 1988.

BY: Brenda F. Oxtun 11/22/88  
CITY CLERK DATE

CITY COUNCIL

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BY: Tracy Stoffel 11/22/88  
CHAIRMAN DATE

CITY ENGINEER

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NEAL JANOV DATE  
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BY: J. W. Ellington 11/28/88  
CHAIRMAN DATE

BROWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING

THIS PLAT IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ACCEPTED FOR RECORD.

BY: David M. Howell 3/3/89  
DIRECTOR DATE

BROWARD COUNTY ENGINEERING DIVISION

THIS PLAT IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ACCEPTED FOR RECORD.

BY: Darwin W. Townsend 3/3/89  
DARWIN W. TOWNSEND DATE  
FLORIDA P.E., REG. NO. 23174  
ASS'T DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVED THIS PLAT SUBJECT TO ITS COMPLIANCE WITH DEDICATION OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR TRAFFICWAYS BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF July A.D. 1988.

BY: John Cook 1-19-89  
CHAIRPERSON DATE

THIS PLAT COMPLIES WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL OF THE ABOVE DATE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ACCEPTED FOR RECORD THIS 31 DAY OF March A.D. 1988.

BY: Michael S. Hester March 31, 1989  
ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE DATE

BROWARD COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, COUNTY RECORDS DIVISION-MINUTES SECTION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 177, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND WAS ACCEPTED FOR RECORD BY THE BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 1988.

ATTEST: L.A. HESTER  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BY: Phyllis Hestberg Dec 20, 1988  
DEPUTY  
BY: Deke E. Grossman  
CHAIRPERSON - COUNTY COMMISSION

BROWARD COUNTY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, COUNTY RECORDS DIVISION-RECORDING SECTION

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS FILED FOR RECORD THIS 7th DAY OF April A.D. 1989, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 138, PAGE 27, RECORD VERIFIED.

ATTEST: L.A. HESTER  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BY: Carole C. Doyle  
DEPUTY

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

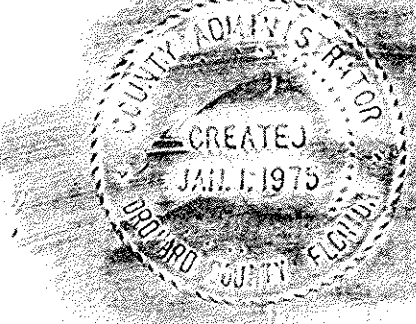
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DATE 12-1-88 KEITH AND SCHNARS, P.A.

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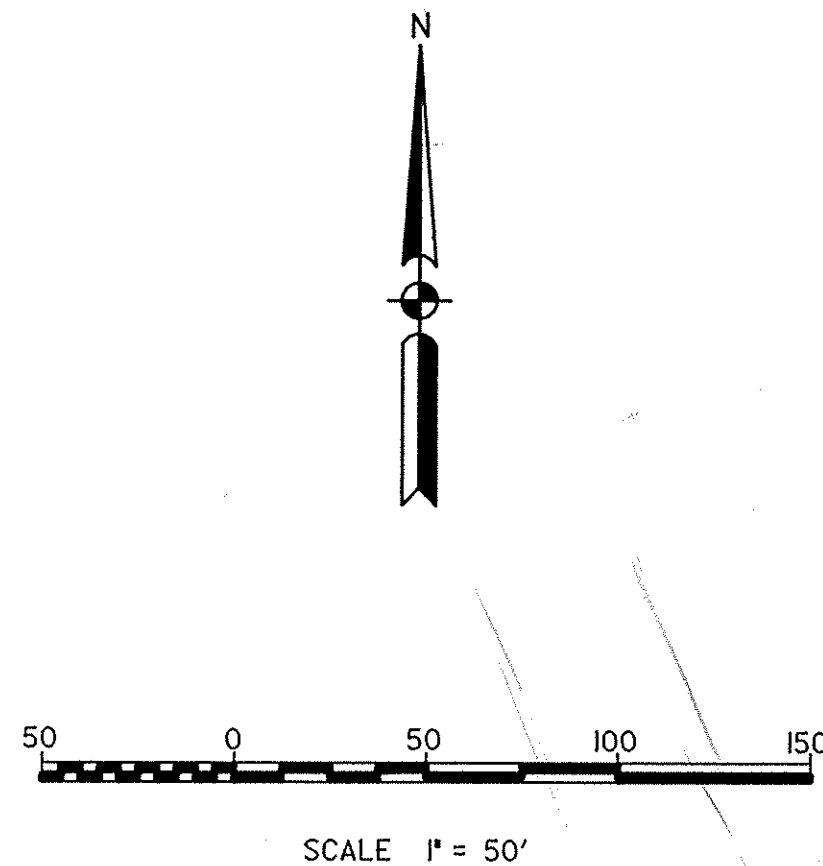
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AREA TABULATION

PARCEL "A"	224,776 SQ. FT.	5.16 AC ±
PARCEL "B"	68,713 SQ. FT.	1.58 AC ±
TOTAL	293,489 SQ. FT.	6.74 AC ±

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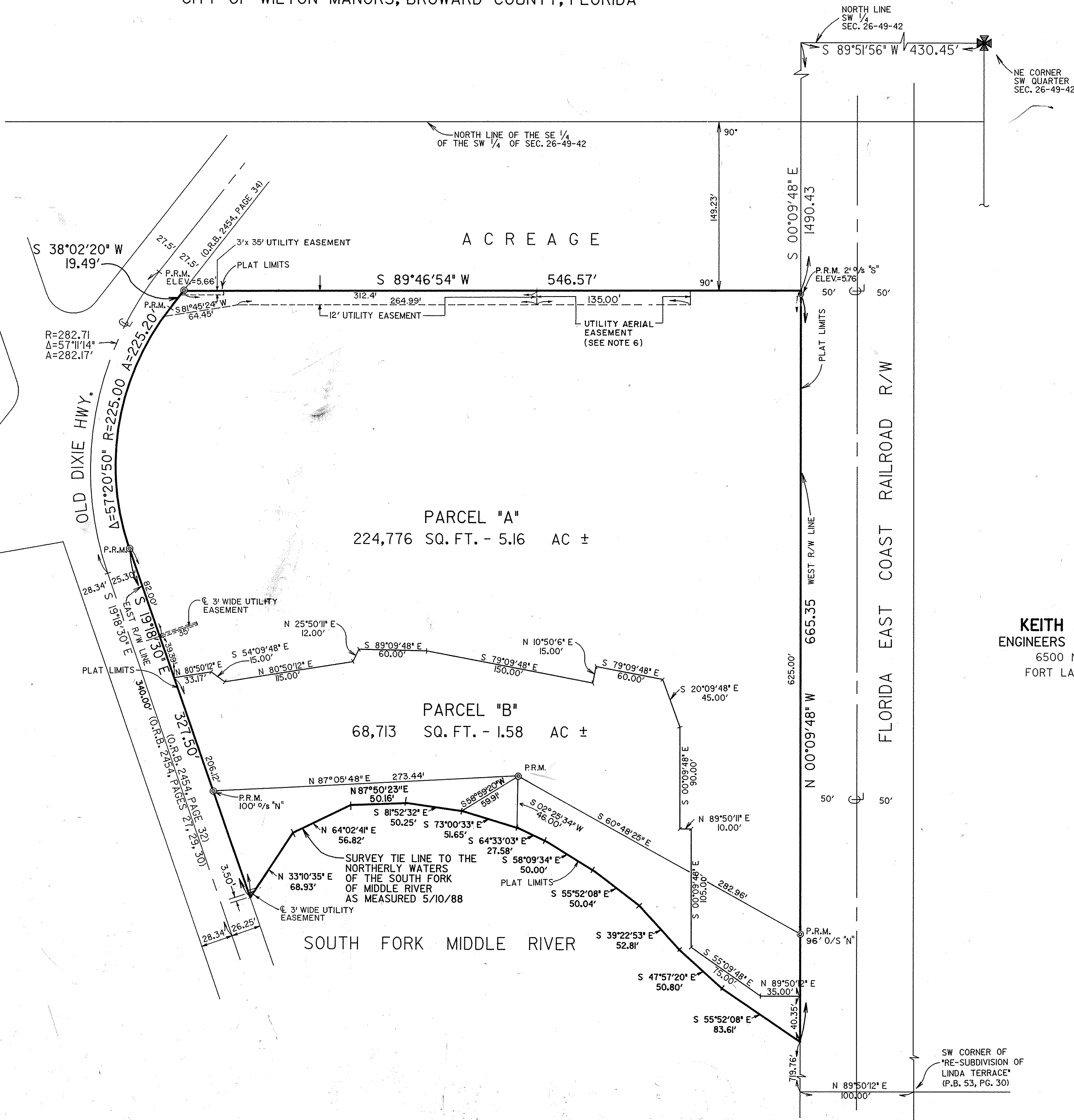
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6. NO AERIAL ATTACHMENT SHALL BE LOWER THAN 20 FEET ABOVE GRADE.

NOTICE

THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE NOT RECORDED ON THIS PLAT THAT MAY BE FOUND IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THIS COUNTY.

PLAT RESTRICTIONS

THIS PLAT IS RESTRICTED TO 5,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL EXCEPT FOR THE EAST 370 FEET WHICH IS RESTRICTED TO 80,234 SQUARE FEET OF INDUSTRIAL (35,350 SQUARE FEET PROPOSED AND 44,884 SQUARE FEET EXISTING). COMMERCIAL/RETAIL USES ARE NOT PERMITTED WITHIN THE EAST 370 FEET OF THIS PLAT. THIS NOTE IS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE IX, BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND MAY BE AMENDED BY AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY.



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AGREEMENT FOR AMENDMENT  
OF NOTATION ON PLAT

THIS IS an AGREEMENT between BROWARD COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, its successors and assigns hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY";

AND

LOUIS W. PARKER AS TRUSTEE, its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as "DEVELOPER."

WHEREAS, DEVELOPER is the owner of the lands, as shown on the THE PARKER Plat, which Plat was recorded in Plat Book 138, Page 27, in the Public Records of Broward County on APRIL 7,, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the THE PARKER Plat contains the following notation on the face of the Plat:

This plat is restricted to 5,000 sq. ft. of commercial except for the east 370 feet which is restricted to 80,234 sq. ft. of industrial (35,350 sq.ft. proposed and 44,884 sq. ft. existing).

Commercial/Retail uses are not permitted within the east 370 feet of this plat

and

WHEREAS, DEVELOPER has determined there exists a need for an amendment to said notation; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has no objection to amending said notation and the Board of County Commissioners approved such an amendment at its meeting of OCTOBER 17,, 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, conditions and promises hereinafter set forth, the COUNTY and DEVELOPER agree as follows:

1. The above recitals and representations are true and correct.
2. COUNTY and DEVELOPER hereby agree that the notation shown on the face of the PARKER Plat for the purpose of clarifying and limiting the use of the PARKER Plat property which states:

The plat is restricted to 5,000 sq.ft. of Commercial except for the east 370 feet which is restricted to 80,234 sq.ft. of industrial (35,350 sq.ft. proposed and 44,884 sq.ft. existing)

Approved BCC 10-17-89

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is hereby amended to read as follows:

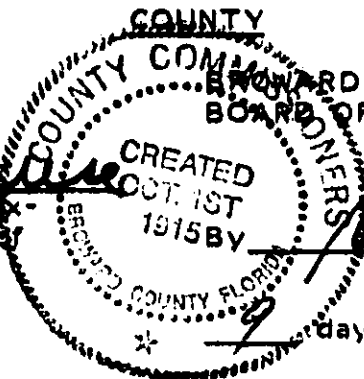
This plat is restricted to 80,234 sq.ft. of industrial (35,350 sq.ft. proposed and 44,884 sq.ft. existing) on Parcel "A" and 17 Two-Bedroom Town Homes on Parcel "B".

3. This Agreement shall be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, to evidence the agreements and representations of the parties as set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: BROWARD COUNTY through its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, signing by and through its Chairman, authorized to execute same by Board action on the 17 day of October, 1990, and \_\_\_\_\_, signing by and through its \_\_\_\_\_, duly authorized to execute same.

ATTEST:

Chen B. Chen  
County Administrator and Ex-  
Officio Clerk of the Board of  
County Commissioners of  
Broward County, Florida



BROWARD COUNTY, through its  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman  
9 day of March, 1990.

This document reviewed and approved as  
to form by Office of County Attorney,  
Broward County, Florida,  
JAMES J. COPELAN, JR., County Attorney.

By Tracy H. Lautenschlager  
County Attorney

Approved as to form and legality by  
Office of General Counsel  
for Broward County, Florida  
SUSAN F. DELEGAL, General Counsel  
Governmental Center, Suite 423  
115 South Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
Telephone: (305) 357-7600

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant General Counsel

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF ) SS.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Scott J. Coward, to me well known and known to me to be the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to and before me that He executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

1990. WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 9 day of March.



My commission expires:

"OFFICIAL NOTARY"  
MARGARET A. HARTEN  
MY COM. EXP. 12-2-

Margaret A. Harten  
Notary Public

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DEVELOPER

WITNESS:

Louis W. Parker as Trustee

Paul M. Phillips  
Alice C. Eldredge

By Louis W. Parker

13th day of December, 1989.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF BROWARD

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Louis W. Parker, to me well known and known to me to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 13th day of December, 1989.

Alice C. Eldredge  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/10/90

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR 10, 1990  
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OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
L. A. HESTER  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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# Donor of Parker Playhouse dies

By RAY LYNCH  
Staff Writer

Louis W. Parker, the millionaire genius who helped America's Apollo astronauts walk on the moon and gave Fort Lauderdale the Parker Playhouse, died on Monday at Broward General Medical Center. He was 87.



Parker

was awarded honorary doctorate degrees by both Nova University and the old Drake College in Fort Lauderdale, was noted for his philanthropic gifts.

When Fort Lauderdale was still a cultural backwater, he donated \$1.1 million for construction of the picturesque 1,200-seat Parker Playhouse at the entrance to Holiday Park.

When it opened in 1967 with Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, it was billed as the "newest, most luxurious and most beautiful playhouse in the United States."

Parker Playhouse, which he donated to the city, quickly replaced War Me-

morial as the city's performing arts center. It brought in actors ranging from Milton Berle and Loretta Swit to Ray Milland and Gloria de Haven in its debut year.

He also contributed a \$1 million for construction of the Parker Building, which houses undergraduate studies at Nova.

"He is someone we are deeply indebted to" said Stephen Feldman, Nova's president.

Added Feldman: "He was really a humanist. He was looking to do some-

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## PARKER

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### Dr. Louis Parker, theater namesake and inventor, dies

thing, contribute something, to the community. He chose education and the arts. [In 1966], \$1 million was an enormous amount of money, but he accepted total responsibility for one of the first three buildings on campus."

Dr. Parker's explanation was simpler: "I gave because I'd reached the stage where I had enough and just because I wanted to do it. I didn't do it for the recognition."

Dr. Parker, a Presbyterian, was B'nai B'rith's Man of the Year in 1968 and named to Nova's Entrepreneurs Hall of Fame in 1991.

Born Lazlo Kolozsy in Budapest, Hungary, on Jan. 1, 1906, he was the son of Emma and Lazlo Kolozsy, an ornamental iron worker who immigrated to America with his family in 1923.

He changed his name to Parker because he wanted something American, something easy for others to remember or write down, his son Raymond, of Fort Lauderdale, said.

His first patent, issued at age 12, was for a reusable circuit breaker. By the time of his death he held more than 250 patents on electronic devices worldwide — from a meter that allowed moon-walking astronauts to monitor how long their oxygen supply would last to an electric car.

His most successful invention was called an Intercarrier Sound System. Designed for television sets, it synchronized sound with picture in 1947. By 1965, it was in every TV made in the world.

Son Raymond said another was his father's One Gun Color Picture Tube. The 17-year patent on the device had expired before it was used commercially and marketed under the Trinitron label.

"He never made any money off it, and he didn't get much credit, but he invented it," his son said.

Dr. Parker was reluctant to discuss his genius but said his philosophy was simple: "If I see a problem in the world, I invent something to solve it."

As a young man, he taught himself English by learning to read the subtitles at silent movies. He fed himself by assembling electrical condensers for \$12 a week. Over the years he worked for Pilot Radio, Lear Jet, IT&T — where he held a patent record — and David Sarnoff of RCA.

His American Television Corp. developed the first TV set for sale to the public: a table-top model with a 3-inch screen and no sound that sold for \$125 in 1938.

In the '50s, he started his Parker Instruments Corp. in Stamford, Conn. The company developed the oxygen-supply meter used by the Apollo spacemen.

He moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1959 from Connecticut and started Parker Electronics off Dixie Highway in Wilton Manors.

In addition to son Raymond, Dr. Parker is survived by his fourth wife, Wanya Marie; daughter, Elsa Peacock of Boca Raton; brother, Julius Kolozsy of Hollywood; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Service times are incomplete. Fairchild Funeral Homes, 299 N. Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale, is handling arrangements.